

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

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R 260820Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5828

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, TC  
SUBJECT: M16A1 RIFLES FOR UAE AF

1. DURING CALL ON GEN. KHALDI, CHIEF OF STAFF UAE  
ARMED FORCES, MARCH 24 DCM ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS  
ANYTHING NEW TO REPORT ON POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF RIFLES,  
SPECIFICALLY M16A1. KHALDI REPLIED THERE HAD BEEN NO  
DECISION AND HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN IT MIGHT COME.  
KHALDI STATED SPECIFICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY THAT  
GHQ HAD DECIDED IN FAVOR OF M16A1 AND THAT IF  
DECISION WERE MADE IT WOULD GO TO COLT RIFLE. DCM  
ASKED IF IT WAS MATTER OF GETTING APPROVAL OF  
SHAIKH ZAYID. KHALDI RESPONDED THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY,  
BUT THEN WENT ON TO NOTE THAT IN FACT ABU DHABI HAD  
MADE ITS CHOICE. PROBLEM WAS THAT DUBAI WISHED TO  
RETAIN FN RIFLES. GENERAL ASKED FOR UNDERSTANDING OF  
"OUR PROBLEM". HE NOTED SOMEWHAT WISTFULLY THAT UAE AF  
HAD HOPED TO HAVE RIFLES FOR 1976 NATIONAL DAY PARADE,  
NOW HE WONDERED WHETHER THEY WOULD MAKE IT BY 1977\*

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE  
TO T.SEALE, MIDDLE EAST SALES REP, COLT INDUSTRIES,  
HARTFORD, CONN.

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3. COMMENT: LIKE OTHER STEPS TOWARD STRONGER FEDERAL  
STRUCTURE, MILITARY INTEGRATION EFFORT CLEARLY CON-  
TINUES TO MOVE SLOWLY. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY ON  
NEW WEAPONS PURCHASES MAY WELL REST WITH GHQ, BUT  
IF OTHER INTERESTED RULERS--READ SHAIKH RASHID AND  
POSSIBLY SHAIKH SAQR--HAVE OTHER IDEAS THEY CLEARLY  
ARE IN POSITION TO HOLD UP FINAL ACTION, AND FOR

EXTENDED PERIOD. CLEARLY GENERAL KHALDI'S ROLE  
AS C OF S CONTINUES TO BE AS MUCH DIPLOMATIC AS  
MILITARY AND REQUIRES HIGH LEVEL OF PATIENCE.  
DICKMAN

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